river, in fractional lots numbers 1 and 4, in section 13, town 8, range 2 east, and all elections held pursuant to chapter 327, laws of 1905, are hereby legalized, notwithstanding any errors or misdescriptions occurring in chapter 327, laws of 1905 and in all contracts and agreements in accordance with, or resulting from chapter 327, laws of 1905.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT to create sections 959m—1, 959m—2, and 959m—3, of the statutes, authorizing cities of the second, third and fourth class, whether operating under the general or a special charter, to perform public work and collect the cost thereof.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes of 1898, three new sections to read:

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(In effect July 1, 1907.)

Town orders: grand army expenses. Section 959-81. 1. It shall be lawful for the boards of any town, village or city in this state at any regular or special meeting to vote any sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars in any one year, except in cities of five thousand population and over the amounts may be not to exceed one hundred dollars in any one year, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the proper observance of memorial or decoration day, which amount shall be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other expenses of said town, village or city are assessed, levied and collected, and shall be paid to the supervisor, president or mayor of such town, village or city and be disbursed by him in such manner as the town or village board or city council of such town, village or city may direct upon the vouchers properly receipted and audited by the town, village or city board.

- 2. * * In any town, village or city in which there may be a post of the grand army of the republic, such post may direct the manner and extent of such observance, and the supervisor or mayor shall pay the expenses thereof upon the order or orders of the commander or quarter-master of such post, which orders shall be his vouchers for such bill, and in case there may be two or more posts by concurrent action shall direct the supervisor or mayor of such town, village or city what proportion of such money so assessed shall be expended by each of such posts, which proportion shall be paid by such supervisor upon the order or orders of the commander or quarter-master of each of such posts.
- 3. And whenever the electors of any town at any regular or special meeting shall have voted any such sum to be expended for said purpose, it shall be the duty of the town board to cause to be drawn and delivered a proper town order for the amount so voted, payable, and to be expended as herein provided.
- 4. Whenever in any town or village memorial or decoration day exercises shall have been held under the auspices of a local post of the grand army of the republic, and the officers of said post shall present to the town or village board an itemized account of expenses incident to such exercises the said board may in the manner specified above, assist in the payment of such expenses not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars.

(Ch. 458, 1907.)

City street springling and cleaning. Section 959m—1. The common council of all cities of the second, third and

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fourth class, whether operating under special or general charter, may, by resolution, direct that the sprinkling and cleaning of streets and such other public work as may be determined upon, shall be performed by the city under the direction of the board of public works, or such person or body performing the duties of such board.

(Ch. 253, 1907.)

Purchase of equipment. Section 959m—2. Such cities may purchase all necessary and proper equipment to properly carry on such work.

(Ch. 253, 1907.)

Expense: special levy for. Section 959m—3. Whenever any such public work is performed by the city, as hereinbefore provided, the cost thereof shall be paid for in the same manner as such work would have been paid for had it been performed by any person contracting with the city, and the power to levy special assessments to defray the cost and expense thereof shall be the same as now provided for by special or general charter, and all rules governing the assessment and collection thereof shall apply.

(Ch. 253, 1907.)

Municipal officers: public utility contractors and stock-holders ineligible. Section 976s. No person shall be eligible to any town, village or city office who directly or indirectly has any pecuniary interest in any contract for furnishing heat, light, water, power or other public service to or for such town, village or city or the inhabitants thereof, or who is a stockholder in any corporation which has any such contract.

(Ch. 638, 1907.)

Any such office shall become vacant upon the acquiring of any such interest by the person holding such office.

(Sec. 2, Ch. 638, 1907.)

Civil service commission: stenographer's salary; additional clerks and examiners. Section 990—4. The civil service commission may elect one of its members present, and may employ a chief examiner, who shall be ex-officio secretary, at a salary of \$2,500 per year, a stenographer at not to exceed